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From:

Mike Hewitt < Mike. Hewitt@natinst.com>

To:

A16.A16(rm8775) 4/16/96 3:30pm

Date: Subject:

Regulating Internet Voice Communication

I don't think that the government should interfere with free exchange of ideas and information on the internet. The system was set up so people could

"communicate information". Now it seems that people are getting up in arms because some individuals are communicating thier voices, ie effectively making phone calls via the internet. It is ridiculous to start throwing around restrictions of what you can and can't do on the internet. The Government of

England told the early settlers and founders of this country what they could and couldn't do over and over again. The settlers finally had enough and rebelled. And that is why our country is so great...because we have FREEDOMS to share thoughts and ideas without fear of persecution.

So what if a few individuals deem to use this medium of communication to share their voice rather than their written expression. The point is they are still just communicating. When Data moves from Point A to Point B it doesn't cost any more to send packets of voice or packets of text.

If the phone companies should be fairly compensated for use of their equipment but they shouldn't get bent out of shape over people sending voice, because they are being payed to carry DATA and it is not for them to say that one type of data should not be allowed because it competes with their overblown pricing for over seas calls.

The number of individuals doing this is probably negligible when you take into account the overall size and number of users on the World Wide Web. It takes a computer at both ends and a preagreed meeting time to happen. I don't think the phone companies have to worry about the computer replacing the telephone as a primary means of voice communication for the forseeable future.

These are just my opinions, but Freedom of Speech an Free Exchange of Ideas are what make this country great. Without them we would be NOTHING!

M. Hewitt Austin, TX

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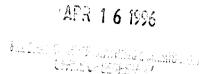
Greg Panfile <panfile@mathworks.com>

To:

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Date: Subject:

Petition RM 8775



As a member of the telecommunications-consuming public, I believe that the petition to regulate internet service providers in the telecommunications arena should be denied, and none of the three forms of relief should be considered. Telecommunications companies have traditionally sought monopolistic, price-gouging positions. If new technology is available that will severely reduce the cost to the public of telecommunications, so be it. We should not ban automobiles to protect the profit of buggywhip manufacturers.

If this new service causes trauma to the bottom line of the telecommunications industry, that is part of progress. These companies do not care about the consumer at all. Their petition for relief is based solely on self-interest and not on the public interest. There have been no petitions from consumers complaining about this service or its need for regulation; indeed regulation will be contrary to the interest of the consumer, who wants to communicate as much as possible at minimum cost.

Thank you,

**Greg Panfile** 

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Walter Gillett <walter@mathworks.com>

To:

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Date:

4/16/96 1:12pm

Subject:

Internet phone service

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I request that the FCC \*not\* regulate phone service over the Internet. This is a welcome source of new competition for the phone companies, which have done their best to squeeze every last nickel out of the consumer.

-Walter Gillett

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To:

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Date:

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I am just made aware that ACTA has filed a petition to regulate Internet phone.

Internet phone is the latest technological invention. Going againt this invention would be a sad day for technology world.

I understand ACTA is concerened that its revenue might be hampered due to wide spread use of this product. But, is not the purpose of creating the competion in business world is to reduce the expenses for consumers? If ACTA is concerned with loss of revenue, they are welcome to enter into Internet

Phone business and compete with other Internet phone companies. There is old saynig "If yoy can not fight them, join them". If ACTA is afraid that they may not be able to fight and win the Internet Phone business, they are welcome to join this business.

The other point is that technically internet phone and e-mail are very similar. These days e-mail are so popular that US Post office, DHL, Federal

Express, and several other mail carriers are feeling the pinch. Why did not protest against e-mail? Don't you think it is unfair that these telephone companies are protesing against Internet Phone whereas e-mail is so widely accepted?

Please keep Internet phone business alive and well. Killing this technology will be taking a step back from technological adavancement.

Thank you very much.

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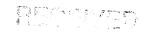
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Date:

4/15/96 10:56pm

Subject:

Internet voice communications



Hello. Thank you for setting up this email address to accept comments on the subject of ACTA's complaint about voice on the Internet.

I hope the docket number is a given when sending mail to this address, because I do not know the docket number (sorry!).

ACTA's complaint is both valid and invalid. Valid because voice over packet-switched networks makes better use of circuits than the circuit-switched networks that ACTA members use. It is valid because the technology will steal and eat their lunch. It is invalid because you first need a \$2,000 PC with a \$20/month Internet connection before you can make "free" Internet phone calls that are of uneven quality.

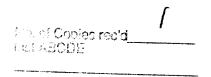
By way of comparison you can buy a POTS set for \$5 and a \$12/month telephone line and make \$.13/minute domestic phone calls of unsurpassed quality.

So, the threat is not real ... yet. ACTA is trying to head the indians off at the pass. But I think it would be a shame if you let them succeed. First, because a technology should be allowed to compete in a free marketplace. If it cannot withstand the rigors of competition, then the people do not want it. And secondly, because I do not believe that the competition is unfair. As of this moment, the only non-telephonic Internet data transfer is in trials over cable TV lines. 99.9% of Internet traffic flows over phone lines. So what is

ACTA worried about? If they were truly interested in protecting their business, they would be deploying Internet-to-POTS gateways (for which they would charge, of course). But instead, they are rent-seeking through government lobbying.

Please do not give in to them. Let the people speak through the marketplace.

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Date: 4/16/96 11:16am

Subject: Re: FCC Still Ponders Internet Telephone Complaint 03/29/96

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PLEASE SECTION AND ACCOMMODERS.

By the way I am 75 years old.

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"Be sure that power is never entrusted to those who cannot love.

It is hard for me to see any possible need to regulate the use of the Internet for voice transmission. Let competition take care of things.

-- Donella H. Meadows

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From:

Kesey <kesey@spoke.ece.utexas.edu>

To: Date: A16.A16(rm8775) 4/16/96 11:41am

Subject:

internet phone regulation

I believe that internet phone services should not be regulated by the FCC.

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From: Isaiah Cox < Isaiah@borealis.com>

To: A16.A16(rm8775)

Date: 4/16/96 6:12pm

Subject: RM No. 8775

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Just a note from an internet-savvy company which has operations in the US, Europe and Middle East.

We are very concerned about restriction on the internet, which has been a tremendous boon to our operations, purely because of the advent of inexpensive communications. We feel quite strongly that if the ACTA petition is granted, then it would represent a serious step backward, not only for the internet and the freedom which it represents, but for the US on the global stage.

VON is very important for our company, and for companies and individuals around the globe. As time passes, and this technology moves out of its infancy, it will allow for a world in which people will be able to reach each other across the globe for the true cost of communication -- not for what local and national monopolies, or fixed oligopolies decide.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Isaiah Cox

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From:

Dan Garvin <garvida@ix.netcom.com>

To: Date: A16.A16(rm8775) 4/16/96 9:23am

Subject:

Re: DENY PETITION

TIPLE CONTRACTOR COMMENT.

I urge the FCC to protect the rights of the consumer for inexpensive, worldwide communication.

Deny RM8775, ACTA Internet Phone Petition.

Dan Garvin 18829 S. Jamie Ct Homewood, IL 60430



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From:

bkarns <br/>
bkarns@nauticom.net>

To: Date: A17.A17(kwerbach) 4/16/96 12:04am

Subject:

**ACTA'S Petition** 

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Please do not accept this petition. This type of digital communications is in no way intrusive to the current phone companies(there is no use of phone company equiptment). Competition from emerging technologies can only improve performance of existing systems; providing the government does not interfer. Thank you for your time

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From:

Administrator <Administrator@urban.pvt.k12.ca.us>

To: Date: A16.A16(rm8775) 4/16/96 2:17pm

Subject:

Fwd(3): Threat to Internet "phoning" is very real (VON Coalition reply)

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>To whom it may concern,

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>The Internet is intended as an open system where the most efficient means of >communication succeed and poor ones fail. With this in mind there is no >justification to regulate voice communciation on the Internet. It is clear >that the traditional phone companies are simply trying to protect market >share. Please resist their attempt to monopolize their control.

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>-Mark Lawton

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From: To: FCCINFO rm8775

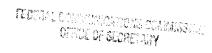
Date:

4/16/96 2:30pm

Subject:

Telephone over Internt -Reply

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>>> Mark Christiansen <markc@callware.com> 03/06/96 12:42pm >>>
Please don't listen to the phone companies complaints about about free phone calls over the Internet. Let them adjust to and compete with the new technologies.

From:

Kiley J. Pike <kiley@ecsu.campus.mci.net>

To:

A16.A16(rm8775) 4/16/96 2:36pm

Date: Subject:

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Telecommunication Firms' Request for Regulation of Internet Voice Traffic Control of March 200 March

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#### **FCC Officials:**

I must say, here and now, that I object most strongly to the request by the telecommunications giants of this country that the FCC force certain

Internet software manufacturers, whose products permit voice exchanges over the Internet, to comply with rules intended for the aforementioned monopoly-like giants.

I do not use, nor have I ever used, Internet voice transmission software, as I feel that the quality is not suitable, though one day it shall be and I'd like the freedom to use it. Unfortunately, the large telecommunications companies seem to be allowed to do whatever they wish, to wit, witness the continued and repeated extensions granted by the FCC as to the interconnection of SS7-based systems to permit interstate Caller ID number transmission. The telecommunications giants, with their billions of dollars, could have complied within weeks, but owing to their greed, they feigned an inability to effect the changes required of them by the FCC. So, the FCC rolled over, gave in to politics, and abdicated its responsibility to force major companies to act in the best interest of the American public.

And once again, we have large telecommunications companies pleading poverty and impending ruin. Yet, they're buying one another up, and unrelated firms, at an unprecedented rate. In short, they're diversifying, That's what competition is about -- adjusting to the times at hand and providing what consumers want. But they haven't done that. Telephone rate rollbacks have been relatively modest, given the declining costs of providing service in light of advanced cost-saving technology -- and ruthless cutbacks in the telecommunications industry. Their profits continue to soar, yet they complain of unfair competition. They want to use technology to cut their costs to increase their profits, but when the same technology threatens to allow the American people unprecedented communication freedom, they wish to have the FCC squelch it out of existence. This \*outrages\* me, and I suggest that you strongly decline to regulate Internet voice transmission software, and make it clear that you shall never do SO.

Sincerely, Kiley J. Pike

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From: Kevin Nalley <nalley@thepoint.net>

To: A20.A20(kwerbach)

Date: 4/16/96 3:03pm

Subject: More Censorship of the net "The Hitler Act"

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Just wanted to through my two cents worth in. My blood pressure goes sky high when I hear about the petition to ban internet telephone software.

I think it's great and should not be restricted. I'm telling everyone about the crap the ACTA is trying to pull...

Sincerely,

**Kevin Nalley** 

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